auditor on Rs. 60—80;

(4) why was he not given any promotion during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100 by Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The question is under consideration.

(2) The Tahsildar concerned was degraded, and a portion of the amount misappropriated was recovered from him.

(3) With effect from 1st Kanni 1098.

(4) Because there was no suitable opportunity for giving promotion to Mr. Anantarama Ayyar.

192. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—i. When did Mr. P. Govinda Menon, Tahsildar of Trichur retire from service?

ii. When did Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's stoppage of promotion for one year expire?

iii. Has Mr. Anantarama Ayyar submitted a petition on the 10th Kumbham 1101 pointing out this vacancy?

iv. What reply was given to him to that petition?

v. Will the Government be pleased to furnish a copy of that petition as well as a copy of the Diwan's order thereon?

vi. Who was confirmed in Mr. Govinda Menon's vacancy, and who was appointed to act for the permanent incumbent?

vii. Was that acting officer senior to Mr. Anantarama Ayyar? If not, why were Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's claims overlooked?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—i. On 6th Medam 1101.

ii. On 15th Medam 1101.

iii. Yes.

iv and v. (*Vide Appendix "E".*)

vi. Mr. C. S. Gopala Panikkar confirmed, Mr. K. A. Sankara Menon to act.

vii. Yes. The latter part of the question does not arise.

193. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—i. Has Mr. Anantarama Ayyar submitted petitions on the 7th Edavam 1101 and 20th Karkadagam 1101?

ii. What reply was given to him to these petitions? Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the Diwan's orders thereon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—i. Yes.

ii. (*Vide Appendix "F."*)

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grievances by reinstating me to a Tahsildar's place in the fag end of my official career.

3. I joined the State service in the month of Kumbham 1074, and I shall have to retire in Makaram 1102, after a faithful and loyal service of 28 years, when I would be completing my 55th year. The period of the stoppage of my promotion ordered on the 27th April 1925 expires on the 27th April 1926, corresponding to 15th Medam next (1101), and from that date I shall have to remain in service hardly for 9 months. I understand that a permanent vacancy in the Tahsildarship occurs in Medam 1101 caused by the retirement of Mr. P. Govinda Menon, the Tahsildar of Trichur. The punishment period and my present extension of leave expire on the 15th and 24th Medam 1101 respectively. Had it not been for the unkind and unjust treatment accorded to me during the 3 years of the past administration, I would have naturally been a permanent Tahsildar by this time. I entered on long leave from the 24th Meenam 1098, and I have till now including the present extension availed myself of the same for 3 years and one month, out of which 1 year and 4 months do not count for pension, for I was without any leave allowance during this period.

4. In consideration of the several reverses already suffered for 3 years and the heavy pecuniary loss that I have had to sustain on account of the long leave which I was obliged to take and the reduction of my pay from Rs. 150 to Rs. 60 -80, I most humbly and respectfully beg the Diwan to take a most charitable view of my case and reinstate me in the impending vacancy so that I may be given an opportunity of earning a retiring pension not less than what I would have been eligible for in the ordinary course of events.

In conclusion, I beg leave to state for the Diwan's information that till the time I was reduced to an auditor, I stood as senior to Messrs. K. A. Sankara Menon, P. Ramankutti Menon, V. Kumara Menon, and M. Kunjan Menon.

Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin.

Revenue Department.

(Land Revenue.)

Read letter C. No. 3803/1101, dated 24th February 1926, from the Comptroller of Accounts forwarding a petition from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar, Auditor on leave.

Order Dis. No. 2262/D/1101, dated 26th March 1926.

The petitioner is informed that his claims, if any, will be considered when a vacancy actually arises.

(True extract)

A. K. VENGU AYYAR,
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The petitioner through the Comptroller of Accounts.

APPENDIX "F".

(Vide Answer to Question No. 193.)

Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin.

Revenue Department.

(Land Revenue.)

Read petition dated 7th Edavam 1101 from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar forwarded by the Comptroller of Accounts with his endorsement on C. 5953/1101, dated 8th Edavam 1101.

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And (2) also petition dated 20—12—1101 with the Comptroller's endorsement on C. 7848/1101, dated 7th August 1926.

Order Dis. No. 56/D/1102, dated 28th August 1926.

The petitioner's case will be considered when a suitable vacancy arises in respect of which he has preferential claims.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The petitioner (through the Comptroller of Accounts with the service books, vide his C. 6258/1101, dated 3rd June 1926.)

APPENDIX G.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 199.)

Petition dated 11th Vrischigam 1097 from Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar to the Diwan of Cochin through the Diwan Peishkar.

I beg to submit the following few lines for the Diwan's kind consideration and orders.—

In the beginning of the current year there were two permanent vacancies in the Tahsildar's post consequent on the appointment of Messrs. C. S. Gopala Panikkar and B. C. Chakko, who were appointed as the Registrar of Village Panchayats and the Superintendent of Registration, respectively. These vacancies were filled up by confirming Messrs. K. Kochunni Menon and T. P. Damodaran Unni. I beg respectfully to submit that, though I am a rightful claimant to one of these vacancies, my claims were not duly considered then. Mr. Damodaran Unni is junior to me by one year, and his claims for promotion in the Revenue Department are not in any way superior to mine. I entered the Revenue Department first as Revenue Officer of Cranganur in the year 1088, whereas Mr. Damodaran Unni was drafted to the same department as Revenue Officer of Cranganur only in 1091, that is, 3 years subsequent to my entering into that department. In appointing Mr. Damodaran Unni as Revenue Officer of Cranganur from the 21st Vrischigam 1091, it was ordered by the then Diwan Mr. Bhore that in filling up Tahsildar's vacancies, I should be given preferential claims to those of Mr. Damodaran Unni. A perusal of the confidential file containing the first appointment of Mr. Damodaran Unni as Revenue Officer will testify to the truth of the above statement. In filling up the recent vacancies my claims with references to the above file might not have been considered. Thus I lost a good chance owing to my ill-luck.

I beg further to submit that, as per the G. O., dated 9th November 1912, C. No. 263/97, Revenue Department, Land Revenue, my permanent place as Fishery Inspector is to be abolished from the 1st of next month. Though I have completed 22 years' service, of which nearly 3 years' service forms in the Revenue Department, I was not fortunate enough in securing a permanent Tahsildar's post yet. I understand that the Devaswam Superintendent, Mr. Kelar Tirupad, has been allowed to retire shortly. In the light of the circumstances stated above, I request that the Diwan may be pleased to provide me with a permanent place in the Tahsildar's grade in the chain of arrangements caused in filling up the Devaswam Superintendent's place permanently.

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